



**Delaware Bicycle Council
October 11, 2006
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Rob Witsil, At-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant
Joe Cantalupo, Assistant Director, S&RP, DelDot
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDot

Members Absent

Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Doug called the meeting to order and stated that Don Carbaugh, Amy Wilburn, and Laura Madara would not be able to attend the meeting..

II. Old Business

Route 1 Third Lane Project Update

Anthony stated that construction has begun and the project should take approximately 18 months to complete. He mentioned that cyclists that are riding through the site need to take precautions.

Rob Witsil suggested providing bus service to cyclists during the construction period. Anthony stated that cyclists can ride the bus for free while construction is underway and he will also look into where cyclists will be able to store their bicycles onto the buses. It was suggested putting a bike rack on the bus for storage. Doug and Anthony will follow-up on this suggestion and see what they can do to accommodate.

Rob also wanted to congratulate Deldot and everyone else who had contributed to getting this project started.

Newsletter Update

Doug stated that prior to the start of the Bike Council meeting, he, Anthony and Fred met to discuss ways on how they could cut costs, while still providing the same amount of information to the readers.

Doug suggested mailing the Newsletters in Bulk mail verses First class mail.

Anthony commented instead of using a consultant to print and mail the newsletters, perhaps we could use the State's Printing and Publishing services to save on costs.

Tom suggested printing the newsletter in PDF form or Adobe Acrobat and post it onto the Bike Council Website.

Joe suggested having two separate mailings, one for Bike Month, which would be mailed out 3 months in advance and then the regular newsletter afterwards. He also suggested updating the Bike Council's website main page so that the mailing list request link pops up automatically.

Doug and Anthony will go over some numbers and set up a meeting with OIT to discuss whether or not they can help with printing and publishing next years newsletters.

SB58 Kids Bicycle Helmet Bill

Anthony informed the group that the bill is still on the table for recommendation.

Fritz stated that since Legislation is done for the season, that the bill will have to be re-introduced next session.

Bike Month 2007

Doug passed a handout to the Council Members containing a number of considerations on how to improve on the Legislator's Ride. Some of the considerations listed are as follows:

- Change date to May 4th (Friday) and partner with Kent County Tourism to take advantage of Old Dover Days.
- Change ride format to begin and end at Legislative Mall – Eliminate the need to provide transportation (*would need to develop new bike route)
- Change start and end time to take advantage of activities in Dover (Old Dover Days – Artsy Grass Friday Concert)
- Add educational element in an effort to get more school/student participation
- Kick off ride with dedication and ceremony
- Have vendors and food upon return

Joe suggested that if we are going to re-plan the event, then maybe we should speak to the legislator's about getting more involved since it was they who originally started the bike to work event.

Anthony commented that if the Legislator's ride doesn't work, then maybe we could consider changing it to the Delaware Bicycle Council ride.

Doug agreed to speak to the legislators about more participation and to see if they have any new ideas or suggestions. Doug commented that he will also speak to Senator Dave Sokola about ideas and suggestions.

Delaware Cycling Center

Doug informed the Council members he has been in contact with other Cycling associations about establishing new ideas. He has also spoken with the Wilmington Cycling Center in having giveaways and having non-profit groups participate.

Wheelman Event 2008 Dover

Doug commented that he would be working on getting a better understand of what they would like the Bicycle Council members to do for this event.

Anthony stated that a letter of support from DelDot encouraging the riders to ride safely in this event would be helpful.

Joe suggested that a permit may need to be established for Route notification.

Other DelDot Updates

Route 72 Project

Anthony stated that DelDot was able to re-stripe Route 72 and able to get shoulders established.

Georgetown to Lewes Rail to Trail

Anthony commented that the project is still underway. There was a public workshop in July, which was a great success. Anthony also mentioned that we are waiting on funding for the project, but first, the planning and concepts need to be established.

Pomeroy Rail to Trail Project

Joe stated that he is trying to establish funding for the project and is also waiting for the University of Delaware to sign the agreement. Once both of these tasks have been completed, the City of Newark will then go into design.

Safe Routes to School Program

Anthony informed the group about a new project that is underway called the Safe Routes to School program. This program is committed to helping communities develop programs to encourage children to walk or bicycle to school in a safe environment. So far, several schools have participated in the program with great success.

Physical Education Teachers Conference

Anthony stated he is working with John Ray, Department of Education on getting this established.

Wilmington Bicycle Project

Anthony commented that representatives from this group would attend next months meeting.

C & D Canal Trail Update

Joe gave a brief overview on where the project stands right now. He also shared with the Council members a sketch of the proposed design. He commented that a Concept Plan has been established and money has been contributed towards the project.

Once the Scope of Work has been reviewed, the project will then go into design, which will include several phases in completing the project.

Doug suggested coming up with a Proclamation to present to Congressman Mike Castle for all his efforts in his participation of the project. A vote was taken among the

Council members and it was agreed that they would work on getting one established to present to Congressman Castle.

Junction/Breakwater Trail

Anthony commented that DelDot is still continuing in working on the project.

Tom Felice noted that a meeting will be held this coming Friday with Ted Bishop from our Subdivision Department, Ralph Reeb, Director of Planning and Paul Townsend, property owner of the land and they will discuss on establishing easements for the project as well as striping's for the trail.

Fritz suggested the Council members should work as a group in creating a Resolution with the City of Lewes to help in moving the Gills Neck Project forward. The Council members voted and agreed and will put something together.

Other New Items

Cycle Commuting Award

Rob presented to the Council members an idea in establishing a yearly Delaware Commuter Cycle award to be given out to men and women in completing the most cycled miles. We could offer incentives such as bike jerseys, and perhaps have the Governor signature on them and also offer money awards. He also suggested advertising in the local papers and the Bicycle Council Newsletter to get cyclists interested.

Joe and Anthony will look into funding for the event.

IV. Next Meeting

Anthony stated that the next meeting will be held on December 6th and folks from DNREC, who were scheduled to attend this meeting, will most likely be in attendance.

Meeting adjourned 7pm.

